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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposed Terms of Reference for the
Watch Committee

1. I received this paper on the 21st of April and understand that it will be finally considered by the ad hoc committee on Friday, April 23.

2. I recommend that before the committee sends this paper to the IAC for its consideration a CIA view be ascertained. Most particularly there is no indication that the views of ONE, for example, are reflected in this paper. My own doubts about the paper are as follows:

a. In the introductory paragraph of the terms of reference, second sentence, it states: "The mission of providing earliest possible warning of hostile action is the most important responsibility of the IAC to the NSC, and will be undertaken collectively by the IAC agencies as their highest priority." (underlining supplied).

It is questioned that such statements "most" and "highest priority" really make any contribution to solving our problems. The complexity that is posed here is seen in the State Department footnote on page 1 which, if approved, would mean that also of "most importance" and "highest priority" are *agency* contributions to national intelligence estimates and, it follows, the collection requirements relating thereto.

b. The "intelligence plan" and the "collection priorities" in C (1) of the paper must have some relation to the revised DCID 4/2 currently under development by ONE. It is not clear that this relationship has been considered or expressed.

c. In what way is the collection coordination proposed in this paper related to the current responsibilities of the Interagency Priorities Committee for Clandestine Collection?

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